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Montana College Preparatory Curriculum Program 2012 – 2013 Academic Year

Bigfork High School ------ Last Updated February 14, 2013

English: Minimum Core - 4 years.

In each year the content of the course should have an emphasis upon the development of written and oral communication skills and literature.

English: Rigorous Core - 4 years.

Recommendation: a designated college-prep composition or research writing course.

<u>Yearlong English courses including Composition Speech,</u> and Literature:

English I, II, III, IV Honors English I, II, III, IV Senior Honors English Junior Honors English

Other English courses which must be combined in such a way that each year's combination includes Composition, Speech, and Literature:

Composition:

Creative Writing
War and Human Nature

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Speech:

Theatre and Drama

Literature:

Mythology

Native American Literature

Outdoor Literature

Poetry

Young Adult Literature

Sports Literature and Writing

Decoding Science Fiction

Literature of Disney

Mystery, Romance and Memoir

Shakespeare

American Literature I (Colonial to Civil War)

American Literature II (Reconstruction to 21st Century)

Social Studies: Minimum Core – 3 years.

The courses shall include Global Studies (such as World History or World Geography); American History; and Government, Economics, Indian History or other third year courses.

Social Studies: Rigorous Core - 3 years.

As above, with recommendation: one half year or more of other courses such as psychology, humanities.

Students must complete a full year of global studies such as World History or World Geography, a full year of American History, and an additional year in another social studies field such as economics, government, psychology, sociology, tribal government, or Indian Ed for All. (Per Joyce A. Scott, Deputy Commissioner Academic & Student Affairs, April 2002.)

Global Studies:

World History Honors World History

American History:

U.S. History

Honors U. S. History

<u>Additional Social Studies Courses:</u>

American Government/Economics

American Government/Economics Honors

Math: Minimum Core - 3 years.

Courses shall include Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II (or the sequential content equivalent of these courses). Students are encouraged to take a math course in their senior year. NOTE: In school systems where a student may take Algebra I in 8th Grade, the student still must complete 3 years of college preparatory math in High School. (Per Richard A. Crofts, Commissioner of Higher Education, 1995.)

Math: Rigorous Core - 4 years.

A course beyond Algebra II or beyond Integrated Math III (such as Trigonometry, PreCalculus, Calculus, Computer Math, Integrated Math IV).

Satisfies Minimum Core:

Algebra I, II Geometry

Satisfies Rigorous Core:

Pre-Calculus Calculus

Science: Minimum Core – 2 years.

Two years of laboratory science: One year must be earth science, biology, chemistry or physics. The other can be one of the courses listed above or another approved college preparatory lab science.

Science: Rigorous Core - 3 years.

One full year of general earth science, biology, and chemistry or physics.

Lab Science Courses:

Anatomy and Physiology

Biology
Chemistry
Earth Science
Physics
Sports Medicine

Additional Science Courses:

Forensics

Environmental Application of GIS

Electives: Minimum Core - 2 years, chosen from the following.

World Language (preferably 2 years); computer science, visual and performing arts, or vocational education units which meets the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) guidelines.

Electives: Rigorous Core – 3 years, chosen from the following.

Two years of second language, music, fine arts, speech and debate, career and technical education (such as information technology (IT) or computer science).

Career, Vocational and Technical Education:

Accounting I, II

Computerized Accounting Advanced Building Technology Computerized Business Applications

Advanced Computerized Business Applications

Auto Body Repair I, II Auto Mechanics I, II, III

Beginning Production with Wood

Building Trades, Construction and Manufacturing

Child Development
Computer Science I, II, III
Culinary Skills and Nutrition
Fashion Merchandising
Textiles and Apparel

Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation

Housing and Design

HTML Programming/Computer Trouble Shooting

Keyboarding I, II

Life Skills, Independent Living

Marketing Essentials

Microsoft Works/Multimedia

Personal Finance Small Engines

Sports and Entertainment Market

Student Store Welding I, II

[Additional college courses offered through Running Start at FVCC]

Music:

Band Chorus

Music Appreciation

Select Choir

Fine Arts and Speech & Debate:

Communication through Drawing

Advanced Drawing

Ceramics
General Art
Newspaper
Photography
Printmaking
Sculpture
Yearbook

World Language:

Russian I, II, III Spanish I, II, III, IV